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SUBJ: ZAMBIA CHARGES ISRAEL AIDS RHODESIAN MILITARY

1. UNDER BANNER HEADLINE "ISRAEL TRAINS SMITH'S BANDITS," AUGUST
2 DAILY MAIL REPORTED HIGHLIGHTS OF ADDRESS BY PERMANENT SECRETARY
IN OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, DEFENSE DIVISION, MR. FESTUS MUYAWALA
BEFORE A MEETING OF DISTRICT GOVERNORS ON AUGUST 1. MUYAWALA
CHARGED THAT ZAMBIA NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCES HAD RELIABLE INFORMATION
THAT "ISRAEL IS TRAINING THE SELOUS SCOUTS WHO ARE CARRYING
OUT OPERATIONS IN MOZAMBIQUE." MUYAWALA SAID THAT ISRAEL IS
"NOTORIOUS" IN HER SUPPORT FOR MINORITY AFRICAN REGIMES AND
ADDED THAT THE ISRAELIS "HAVE NOT ONLY GIVEN SOPHISTICATED
WEAPONS TO SOUTH AFRICA, BUT HAVE GONE AS FAR AS INSULTING
WORLD OPINION BY INVITING RACIST PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER
TO PAY A STATE VISIT THERE...."

2. THE PERMANENT SECRETARY CITED RHODESIAN AGGRESSIVENESS AND
POLITICAL INSTABILITY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AS REASONS COMPELLING
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ZAMBIA TO PREPARE FOR MILITARY ATTACK FROM THE SOUTH. HE WARNED
OF "SOME SUPER-POWERS" WHO AIM AT UNDERMINING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
BY VARIOUS KINDS OF AID AND ADDED THAT THE US AND UK ARE DEVEIVING
THE FRONTLINE STATES BY FEIGNING RHODESIAN NEGOTIATIONS WHILE
"THEY CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE THE RACISTS TO ATTACK US."

3. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST PUBLIC CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL

FOR ALLEGED MILITARY COLLABORATION WITH RHODESIA AND SOUTH
AFRICA WE HAVE SEEN IN SOME TIME. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT PROVOKED
THIS LATEST ATTACK BUT SUSPECT IT WAS MOTIVATED BY INTERNAL
POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS. THE BASIC MESSAGE MUYAWALA AND OTHERS
IN THE GRZ FROM PRESIDENT KAUNDA ON DOWN HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET
ACROSS IS THAT ZAMBIA, CONFRONTED BY A STRONG ENEMY SUPPORTED
BY THE "IMPERIALISTS," CAN'T AFFORD INTERNAL DIVISIONS.
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